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RE: Public Participation Grants (i.e., Technical Assistance)

Dear (b) (6)

Enclosed please find the Department of Ecology's draft policy regarding public participation grants for citizen groups, like the Colbert Landfill Contaminant Area Committee, that may be affected by the release of hazardous substances. This program, which is just in the initial development phase, is comparable to the Environmental Protection Agency's Technical Assistance Grant program, with some proposed differences. Hopefully the biggest differences between the State and Federal programs will be a lower grant match requirement (20% vs 30%) and a less cumbersome documentation/procurement process.

If you have any comments or suggestions on Ecology's program, please pass your ideas on to Ms. Laurie Davies at the address above. She can be reached at (206) 459-6322, or by calling our toll free number (1-800-458-0920) and leaving a message. She will return your call as soon as possible.

Also, if you have any questions or a desire to apply for EPA's Technical Assistance grants, please call Ms. Gretchen Schmidt in Seattle at (206) 442-1283.

For your information, the most recent projections for the Colbert Landfill Consent Decree are:

1. 30-day comment period in November
2. Public meeting in mid November in the Colbert area

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If you have any other general questions, please feel free to call me at (206) 438-3043 or the toll free number above. My address is on the letterhead above.

Sincerely,

Mike Blum

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Gretchen Schmidt, EPA Region 10
Ms. Laurie Davies, Ecology